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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform county departments of human/social services of changes to the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) county allocation that was utilized by certain counties to cover workload relating to the PARIS interstate match file.

Information:

As part of FY 2018-19 R-8, "Medicaid Savings Initiatives" budget request, the Department requested additional funding for the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) in order to automate processes relating to the PARIS interstate match file. The PARIS system is federally required and is utilized to determine if a member is receiving benefits in multiple states. With manual processes currently in place, counties work the PARIS file by pulling reports, contacting members and/or other states, and taking the appropriate action in CBMS based on the member's actual reported residence.

To accommodate this workload, the Department's county administration line-item, which funds county administration activities on the local level, included distinct funding for the counties with the largest number of matches on the PARIS interstate match file. Due to the automation of these processes, which is tentatively scheduled to be

completed by the end of 2019, the Department requested and received approval to discontinue the PARIS county allocation beginning in FY 2018-19.

As a result of the PARIS automation project, the Department rolled the PARIS county allocation, which totaled \$200,000 in each fiscal year, into the overall county administration allocation. This ensures that all 64 counties received a portion of the allocation to accommodate workload relating to PARIS. Because PARIS allocations are no longer distinct as of July 1, 2018, counties should immediately stop coding to M840.4040 in the County Financial Management System (CFMS). In addition, expenditures that were coded to M840.4040 after July 1, 2018 should be recoded to the appropriate county administration funding code. Please note that because the PARIS workload directly relates to ongoing case maintenance, these expenditures are eligible for the Medicaid enhanced match.

Going forward, the Department will consider work relating to the PARIS interstate match file as part of regular, ongoing case maintenance duties that are funded through county administration. Counties should work diligently to ensure they are working the PARIS reports and taking appropriate action to ensure only those members truly eligible are enrolled.

Attachment(s):

None

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